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Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (C) A/DCM delivered ref A demarche to MFA Bilateral Relations desk officer Hussein Alam on April 1. Alam's non-committal reply echoed that received by Post last September (ref B).
- 12. (C) Bahrain is not able to provide a positive response to the specific request for monetary assistance to the Afghan National Army. However, during a meeting with the Secretary on March 2 at Sharm el-Sheikh, King Hamad offered to provide a Bahraini police unit to support the international security forces in Afghanistan (ref C). Post understands that CENTCOM is considering this offer. The GOB is awaiting a response.

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